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Re:

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Method For Opening A Proprietary MAC Protocol In A Non-**DOCSIS Modem Compatibly With A DOCSIS Modem**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Request for Continued Examination Transmittal;
- 2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114;
- 3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Fee; and
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